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Road Building Will Help

Hon. T. A. Crerar had an opportunity to refer again to a subject close to his heart when the House of Commons was considering the appropriation of \$1,500,000 for road building into metal-mining areas. He stated that the minerals produced in Canada last year had a value of \$308,000,000, and that it would not be impossible to increase this by 50 or 75 per cent, within the next five years. The estimate seems modest. The Minister pointed out that gold production had increased 17½ per cent, in the first three months of 1936, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. If this rate is continued, the output of the precious metal alone will have added about \$90,000,000 alone to the annual production in five years. It was \$115,000,000 in 1935. But it is reasonable to believe that the first quarter of 1936 has not seen the maximum gain, and that acceleration in gold mining will give impetus to the production of other minerals, the demand for which is gradually improving.

The Government has not yet found the way clear to carrying out in full the programme sought to encourage mines development and investment. But there was a helpful gesture in the Budget, and the response has been gratifying. Metalliferous mines coming into production between May 1, 1936, and Jan. 1, 1940, will escape corporation income tax for three years. The policy of sending out geological parties will be continued this year, Mr. Crerar announcing that fifty-seven scouting surveys will be undertaken. The plan to spend \$1,500,000 on road building will doubtless help materially in facilitating production, and may reduce costs for many companies.

It is not to be forgotten that the Mines Minister is endeavoring to utilize the country's resources for the benefit of employment and greater prosperity. As the demand for gold is unlimited, every prospect attacked and each mine developed brings definite promise of improvement. Last year the mines paid \$88,000,000 in wages, in addition to the indirect employment provided through the purchases of equipment and supplies, which, it has been estimated, is not less than direct employment. Ten new Hollingers would give work on the ground to more than 35,000 men, or at least 70,000 directly and indirectly. And if it is a fact that gold saved Canada's dollar during the past five years, more gold will strengthen the nation's credit.

Undoubtedly Mr. Crerar is proceeding along sound lines in urging exploitation and development of mineral resources. Although road building into mining camps may not seem a direct mode of approach to the hidden riches, it is a contribution to the general programme, and will provide work for thousands of men.

East End Bathing

If as was suggested by the Mayor and one of the Aldermen that the conditions at the East End bathing beach on Waterloo Row are unsanitary owing to the location of the sewerage outlet nearby, the sooner the matter is investigated the better. This bathing place is a great source of pleasure and convenience to the people in the East End of the city, both children and grown ups. It has been kept up at the expense of the young men who use it. The float was carried away last spring by the freshet and the council are asked to replace it. Those who use the beach are not asking for any bathing houses. They only ask the council to replace the float, which is reasonable considering the outlay which is being made—and rightly so—at the West End beach. There has never been as far as we can learn any ill effects to those using the East End beach. But if there be a danger from sewerage-carried germs this should be investigated and if possible remedied. The matter is too important to let drop.

The Taschereau Fall

The fall of the Taschereau Government in Quebec cannot have been unexpected to people in that Province, and as the rumor-riddled confusion of the past few days is cleared away there seems little about the resignation that will be regretted, except the effect on the long-honored name held by the head of the Administration. The Taschereaus have occupied a distinguished place in public service since Colonial days. But it is plain in the revolt which has been brewing for many months that the same name had lost some of its glamour. When it was disclosed that the Premier's brother, Accountant of the Legislative Assembly, had deposited public funds in the bank managed by his son and received interest for his personal benefit, nothing could stem the tide of disapproval. No course remained for the Government but that taken.

What proportion of discredit has resulted from conditions culminating in a scandal and how much is due to ultra-conservative policies in a time of popular clamor for changes cannot be judged accurately at this distance. The Taschereau Government was virtually the only one to come through an election depression even with a small margin of safety, and it may be said economic conditions were not the chief factor in cutting its majority. The unusual course of Paul Gouin, son of the former Liberal Premier, in forming an insurgent party known as L'Action Libérale Nationale and joining forces with the Conservative group had deeper significance. New parties do not spring up in a day and carry one-quarter of the Province on their first appeal to the electors without good cause, particularly among people of conservative leanings. The social legislation sponsored by the Government in a last-minute attempt to retrieve its departed popularity showed recognition of a strong element of discontent over policy. It might have had some success had not the operations of Accountant Taschereau come to light.

The resignation of Premier Taschereau terminates a leadership of sixteen years. If he was responsible for establishing a family compact, as has been charged, it also will end. This much has been established; that even a docile people has endurance limitations. Whether the revolt has been against the Taschereau Government or the Liberal Party he represented may be tested in the election on Aug. 15. His successor is a man of high standing, but inevitably the son of Sir Lomer Gouin and his programme will occupy a foremost place in the campaign. He broke the party, and may reunite it. As far as the people of the other Provinces are concerned, their interest in proceedings will be marked by the progress made in cleansing politics of practices such as that to which Mr. Antoine Taschereau confessed.

SNAPSHOTS

Some one should whisper to the Fredericton School Board that the Home and School Association is an organization that is strongly supported by all leading state, provincial and civic educationalists in America—with the possible exception of the Fredericton School Board.

Why are parents not allowed to hold meetings at the High School which they built and maintain?

The woman who chased the alleged thief through the back lots and then captured him should get a medal from the Police Commission.

Some of the bathing beauties who spend more time on the shore than they do in the water should keep away from Marysville. They do not like the nude up there.

There is one advantage in being a newspaperman, as a writer on the Dallas, Texas, News has discovered. One never has to worry about a tax on his undistributed earnings.

Britain's most discordant critic warns Britons against the dangers of discord: Beware of discord. Beware of any divisions of public opinion which will bring our foreign policy into confusion.—Lord Beaverbrook (Max Aitken).

What many an astonished bride would like to know is why the man who married her because he thought her "Heaven's Masterpiece" starts right in, during the honeymoon, to try to improve on the Deity's handiwork.

Reported Youthful

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his Cabinet, but that he would not be able to make any announcement before two or three days.

He confirmed the announcement that the resignation of Charles Lantot, K.C., as deputy attorney-general had been received and accepted by the former attorney-general, Hon. J. E. Perrault, but said that the full Cabinet had not been able to dispose of it, so that it would be received and adopted as soon as the new Government is sworn in.

School Board

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Mrs. Thomas Styran, who is herself a former teacher, and who takes a practical and active interest in educational affairs, spoke in favor of the school board and would co-operate with the Home and School Association in its efforts to promote the welfare of the parents, the teacher and the child. She claimed that the Home and School Association was everywhere recognized as a great means of enlightenment. This year the Home and School Association are sending a delegate to the biennial convention at Toronto to join with other delegates from all over the Dominion in the promotion of educational affairs.

In referring to the closed door attitude of the present school board, Mrs. Styran asked the council if they did not think it would be a good idea to have an open session of the school board at least once a year, where the ratepayers would get an intelligent idea of what is going on.

In other provinces, said Mrs. Styran, they have school clubs and in such clubs the problems of the parents and teacher are discussed thoroughly, and with mutual benefit to all concerned. This is what the Home and School Association is trying to do in Fredericton.

Mrs. Allan R. Menzies was the third member of the delegation to speak. She stated that she had interviewed several members of the provincial government who were strongly in favor of adult education. In other provinces this work has had a wide extension. Getting back to the subject under discussion she said she hoped for the endorsement of the city council and she was sorry that the citizens could get no co-operation from the Fredericton school board. "We cannot get the co-operation of the teachers until we get the co-operation of the trustees," said Mrs. Menzies. In this connection she said the school board were a "stonewall." Mrs. Menzies made the statement that the school board would not allow the Fredericton school teachers to meet in conjunction with the Home and School Association to discuss matters that should be of mutual benefit to the teachers and the parents as well as to the children. This is about the only city or town in the Dominion where this condition prevails.

Ald. Roy T. Forbes stated he couldn't understand why the Fredericton school board would take such an attitude. Mrs. Menzies replied that the Home and School Association was trying to understand this for three years.

In reply to Ald. Maxwell, Mrs. Menzies stated that she knew of no hostility to the Home and School Association on the part of any other school board. In fact the very reverse was the case. Not only the school boards but the boards of trade and other community organizations are behind the Home and School Associations one hundred per cent. This applies to the Fredericton Board of Trade as well as to the others.

Dr. Wightman said that the Home and School organization wanted a club where school problems would be discussed in a friendly way. "All this has been denied us by the attitude of the Fredericton school board." This may be a "reactionary" idea on the part of the school board suggested Dr. Wightman. He believed that such co-operation would be a supplementary aid to education. In the United States they make Home and School co-operation part of the curriculum. There should be no gulf between the home and the school, claimed the Rev. Doctor.

Ald. David McCaughey believed that home study is the greatest nuisance in the world. He claims under the present system the school does not teach at all. The children are taught at home and only repeat

Must Accept

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mathematical exactness, nevertheless it does not excuse the haziness that begets the thinking of many of us.

"We are indefinite in so many of our ideas. If surgeons were so inexact in their diagnoses and prescriptions as we are in our preaching many of us in this world would be dead," he stated.

"The congregation listens to these expositions either from custom or determination, or they drift into slumber," he said, "I plead with you young men about to enter the ministry. Seek to develop beauty and richness of style. Never use a word in a prayer that would be out of place in lyric poetry.

"Only when we begin to concentrate on the man in the pew who is searching for the truth will sermons become interesting," he contended. "We must move out of the area of adolescent loquaciousness into mature adult activity. My last word to you—and it's a daring one—is: Grow up and attain unto the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Discontinuance of

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mously favored by a score of speakers last night at a meeting of 70 or 80 members of the Conservative private members committee of the House of Commons. Some speakers also favored early revision of the League covenant, particularly in regard to its penal clauses, and the elimination of unlimited commitments.

The press is indulging in much speculation over the situation. The Rothermere papers are calling for the resignation of Foreign Secretary Eden declaring him to be "an arch blunderer." The Evening Star says Westminster is buzzing with rumors of a cabinet crisis. "If Chamberlain wins, the country will move along one road; if Eden wins, it will take another," comments this Liberal organ.

The reference to Neville Chamberlain was in connection with the chancellor of the exchequer's reference. In a speech last Wednesday, to the continuance of sanctions, as the "very midsummer of madness."

DIED

GREGORY—At Saint Margaret's Convent, 17 Louisburg Square, Boston. Sister Susanne Margaret for twenty-five years Mother Superior of Saint Margaret's Convent, youngest daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. William O'Dell Gregory of Fredericton.

No Clinic in Toronto

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Doctors specializing in maternity work told The Globe that no such ward existed to their knowledge, and that they were in such a position that they would certainly know about it if it did. As regards heavy smoking, said one doctor, Toronto women were no worse than the women of other cities.

Caterpillars

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said to be suffering from the invasion of the green pests, and at a meeting of the North Himsworth Township Council a resolution was passed asking that Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn instruct the Department of Lands and Forests to take immediate action.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Davis of Boston, Mass., registered at the Queen Hotel today.

their lessons when they go to school. On the motion of Ald. Hagerman, seconded by Ald. Gunter the matter was stood over to the July meeting of the city council.

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